(d) if so, what steps are being taken to meet that competition?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) Export of man-power from India to Gulf Countries including Iran and Iraq is being regulated under the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983. Suitable working conditions and other terms and conditions are ensured through the employment agreements entered into between the workers and the employers which are attested by the Indian Missions abroad and authenticated by the Protector of Emigrants.

(c) and (d) India is facing competition from other Asian Labour exporting countries. We are reviewing wages rates from time to time, and giving adequate publicity about the vast availability of technically trained manpower in India so that we remain competitive.

Comprehensive legislative measure for industrial relations

1061. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on a comprehensive legislative measure in respect of industrial relations; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and by when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) A Bill, namely, the Trade Unions and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 1988 to amend the Trade Unions Act, 1926 and the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1988 and is awaiting consideration

Setting up of Relay Station at Kavali

1062. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to to state :

(a) by when the television relay centre is likely to start functioning at Kavali in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the likely capacity thereof and the areas in kilometres likely to be covered thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). There is, at present, no scheme under the Seventh Plan to set up a TV transmitter at Kavali in Andhra Pradesh.

Export of Films

1063. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indian films exported and foreign exchange earned thereof during the last three years, language-wise; and country-wise:

(b) whether it is a fact that the export has decreased; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to promote the export of films ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The number of Indian films exported by the National Film Development Corporation languauge-wise and the foreign exchange earned thereform during the last three years as also a statement indicating the country-wise export of Indian films is appended as Annexure. [*See* Appendix 148, Annexure No. 47]. Both these statements indicate, in addition, earnings from Video rights of films. The number of films exported shown in the country-wise statement is more than the number indicated in the language-wise statement. This is due to the fact that the latter statement is based on film titles while the former on film prints. In other words, when prints of a single film are exported to different countries, the number of films thus exported gets added while the number of titles remains the same.

(b) No, Sir. There is no decrease in the export earnings.

(c) Export promotion is, however, a continuous process and the details of important steps taken by National Film Development Corporation to boost export of films are given in the statement. (*See* below).

Statement

Details of important steps taken by the National Film Development Corporation to boost export of Indian films

1. To regulate price at Market sustainable levels export canalisation procedures have been streamlined.

2. Loans and advances are given to producers/right-holders for preparation of print material, etc. after NFDC negotiates export contracts.

3. NFDC's Regional Office in London contributes significantly to the promotion of Indian films.

4. Regional and central film advisory committees have been established where representatives of film industry and exporters are invited to advise NFDC regarding export promotion measures.

5. NFDC teams regularly participate in major international film markets with prints/cassettes exposing Indian films at International Market Forums.

6. Trade delegations comprising representatives of industry and NFDC visit countries where special efforts are necessary.

7. Film markets are organised alongwith Indian International film festivals/Filmotsavs so that producers can exhibit their products for prospective buyers.

8. Foreign delegates are invited regularly for Indian markets or otherwise thereby creating a meeting ground for buyers and Indian Exporters.

9. NFDC advertises in leading foreign film journals during film festivals/markets thus creating an added awareness and exposure of Indian films.

10. NFDC prepares marketing tools such as video cassettes, subtitled prints and publicity materials of Indian films used for promotion during film festivals/markets and through NFDC's London Office.

11. NFDC has exclusive agreements with several State agencies where NFDC makes vigorous efforts to sell Indian Films.

12. Vigorous efforts are made to sell Indian films on TV networks overseas.

Districts without perennial source of water

1064. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the districts identified all over the country which are without any perennial source of drinking water;

(b) the steps taken to instal-desalination plants in such districts; and

(c) the names of such districts identified in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) The non-availability of safe drinking water has been identified village-wise in the country as problem villages on the basis of distance, depth and chemical bacterial contamination. At the beginning of the Seventh Plan, there were 1,61,722 such problem villages, while as on 30-9-1988, 37,552 problem villages were yet to be provided with safe drinking water facilities.

(b) Under the National Drinking Water Mission, 130 Desalination Plants are proposed to be installed by the end of current financial year in 26 districts of 8 States.